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# THE FARM CREDIT CLUB Grapevine

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## MR. WALTER L. PEPPERMAN

Mr. Walter L. Pepperman, Assistant Director (Administrative) of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Division since 1937, has been retired, having reached the maximum age, with more than fifteen years of service.

Mr. Pepperman first became associated with the U. S. Department of Agriculture when he was placed in charge of the Farmers' Seed Loan Office with headquarters at Memphis, Tennessee, in February 1932, which office conducted a lending program for farmers who could not obtain loans from other sources. The organization administering this lending program was taken over when the Farm Credit Administration was originally set up.

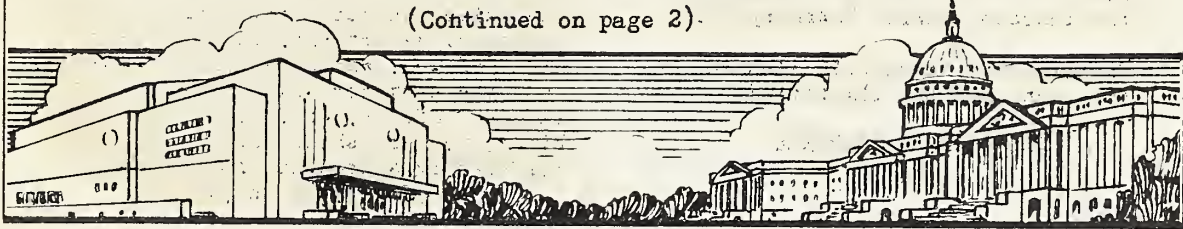
A comparatively short time thereafter Mr. Pepperman was brought into the Central Office of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Division at Washington, and by promotion through successive stages became Assistant Director.

This was Mr. Pepperman's second tour of service in the Federal Government. His first Government employment was with the U. S. Civil Service Commission at Washington, followed by service abroad, including two years as Director of Civil Service for the Government of the Philippine Islands. He was then returned to service in Washington as an official of the War Department and then as an official of the Panama Canal during early construction days. In between these two periods of Government service Mr. Pepperman was for many years an official of various railroads, with headquarters in New York, including a number of years as Vice President of the corporation operating the subways and other passenger transportation facilities in the city of New York.

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The "Major" has asked the editors of the Grapevine to say to all of his good friends in FCA that he did not just slip away without farewell parties and

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# Editorial Staff

Upon receipt of special Farm Credit Club membership fee of 50¢, the Grapevine will be mailed for 1 year to former employees of the FCA. It is sent free to all servicemen.

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 Land Bank..... Lila Stefan  
 (replaces Dorothy Griffith)

**Solicitor's Office..... Margaret Porter**  
 (replaces Mary Lochbaum)

## FARM CREDIT CLUB MOVIES

Tuesday, March 26

12:15 and 1:00 p.m.

### "KANSAS CITY, U.S.A."

A technicolor feature on your City

April 2, 1946

In answer to many requests there will be presented Part II of the Walt Disney color film on

### ELECTRICITY

Part I of this film was shown on the luncheon period February 19.

On this date there will also be shown an amusing film titled

### THE CHIMP'S JAMBOREE

## MR. WALTER L. PEPPERMAN CONT.

formal gatherings because of lack of sentimental regard for his old associates in FCA. To the contrary, he said that this final step into retirement and the breaking of his long association with FCA meant much to him; and that he himself regarded it, and wanted his associates to regard it, in the manner expressed by an old story about the humorist, Will Rogers, who was proud of his Indian blood:

"Will Rogers was once asked if his ancestors came over on the Mayflower with the Pilgrims. He replied: 'Hell no, my ancestors were on shore to greet the Pilgrims when they landed.'"

Mr. Pepperman intends to establish his permanent home headquarters in Washington and says he will be on hand to welcome FCA, and looks forward with much pleasure to renewing his associations when the FCA returns to the old homestead.

## THE HOUSE THAT SENTIMENT BUILT

"Sentiment comes first," is a statement that strikes a paradoxical note in a business. But nevertheless that is just that the guide at Hall Brothers, the greeting card concoctors, informed us—"us" being a group of Farm Credit employees who made a tour of this firm on February 22. From the time we pushed open the door, which surprised us with its half-pivot, to the last run down a steep concrete ramp, we were reminded that greeting card making was big industry.

The guide, an attractive girl from the personnel department, conducted our group of ten, which was one of several, into the elevator which took us to the business office, where our tour began. First, we were shown through an aisle bordered by a wrought iron railing,

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## THE HOUSE THAT SENTIMENT BUILT

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separating the employees from us.

In the sentiment or verse department a group of girls sat at their typewriters--some sitting idly waiting for the muse to strike them, and others typing furiously. Our guide told us that the "sentimenters" received their assignments to write verses for specific occasions--these occasions sometimes being months ahead of time. At this particular period some were writing Christmas verses. From here the verses go to the designing department.

The artists design cards to suit the verse. From the black design on transparent cellophane on through to the varied colors that attract the buyer in every greeting card department, an artist composes the original. These originals are patterns for the cards that go through the various processes seemingly unconnected with anything so delicate as a greeting card.

We left the quiet of the offices and from here on a deafening din constantly accompanied us.

In one part of the building huge stacks of paper were cut to ordered sizes by a machine that sliced through a four-inch thickness as easily as a hot knife through soft butter. The operator nonchalantly shoved them under the cutter with little margin of time between the period when the knife dropped down and when he withdrew his hand to safety.

Another machine, as it printed each color of the design on the sheet of paper, ran the sheet over a gas flame to dry it. The wonder was that the paper didn't catch fire since the flame actually touched the paper. Only one color at a time was applied, and several cards were printed on the same

sheet.

Machines dominated everything. One machine trimmed the excess margins, while another punched out the cut-outs. The embossing, gold engraving, cutting apart, and folding were each done by different machines. It was surprising how few operators were needed to turn out perhaps millions of cards. Each machine, robot-like performed the multi-operations that a few decades ago would have taken the labor of about ten times as many men.

But machines did not take care of the diamond dust that sparkles on so many cards. Girls cut out on a silk screen the designs that are to glitter. The screen was fastened to a frame and glue worked back and forth, by a girl, over the cut-out design in order that it might reach the matched design of the card under the screen. The card was then removed and diamond dust scooped over it. The sparkle adhered to the glue on the design.

After this we stopped at the touch-up department where necessary repairs are made on cards improperly finished or soiled. Soil is removed by an electric eraser and touching up is done by hand.

Our guide informed us that the ribbon tying and the major part of other hand work connected with the cards are done at the branch factories.

To prove that there is a future for sentiment, I was given as a souvenir on Washington's birthday, a Father's Day card.

(IJB)

It sounds like a paradox, but the only way to climb high is to stay on the level.

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3 Help the Red Cross help you.

# Strictly Personal



Accounts Subdivision. Virginia Lee Davis Campbell and her new husband are presently honeymooning at a resort. Jimmy Pitts journeyed to D.C. to attend the budget hearings the week of March 3.

Administrative Accounts. Leona Holland holidayed at her home in Sarcoxie, Mo... Mary Margaret Donnelly was on sick leave for a few days... Deciding to remain a middlewesterner, Joe McLeish parts from FCA on March 8... Coleman Ballard from General Files is on detail in the section... Ida Bousfield is anticipating the June marriage of her "kid" sister, Carolyn, at which event she will be maid of honor... Ideal weather made perfect Bill Holman's weekend drive to Paola, Olathe, and LaCygne, Kans... Nice to have Hubert Colombe from Reports Section as a new member of Audit Unit... Bill Durluo has received word that his son, Philip, is recuperating in D.C. from an illness... Pay Roll Unit welcomes home Edna Marie Beirne following 20 months' service as a Wave... Ida Bernat is looking forward to a visit from her sister, Mrs. Marie Grundman, and Mr. Grundman from Cherokee, Iowa.

Chief Clerk's Office. Elma Muller spent the Washington's birthday weekend visiting relatives in Peoria and Washington, Illinois.

Cooperative. BUSY GETTING READY TO SAY GOODBYE TO KANSAS CITY ON APRIL 1!

Emergency Crop & Feed Loan. Mildred Talbott parted from FCA to accept a position with the Fraternal Order of the Eagles in Kansas City... A holiday trip was made by Eloise Moss to St. Louis to

visit her husband... Mary McElroy traveled to Chicago over the February 22 weekend.

Examination. George Bartlett is walking around with a swelled-up chest following selection of his son, George, Jr., as a guard on the All-Star-Interscholastic Basketball team, chosen each year by the sports writers of the Kansas City Star... Mary Jo Matlicka vacationed at her home in Ethel, Mo... For the best bit of photography we nominate George Olson's colored scene of the Plaza district taken during the Christmas season... Kathryn McCarthy spent a restful vacation at her home in Kansas City.

F&A Executive & General. Joe Kullack spent a few days recuperating from an illness... Travelers on the Washington's birthday weekend include Ruthie Huison to Smithton, Mo.; Ruth McMann to Topeka, Kans.; Nina Stabe to Grand City, Mo.; and Amanda Fister to St. Louis, Mo... J. D. Lawrence was a traveler to Washington the week of March 3 on official business.

Finance Subdivision. Marjorie Viss "brezed" in from the Weather Bureau to "spread sunshine" among former coworkers... Our sympathy to Delta Vaughn on the recent death of her father... Mary Jane Blyholder's brother, Capt. Joseph Blyholder, arrived from D.C. to spend a weekend with her before embarking for overseas' duty... Vacationist Virginia Galloway sends greetings from Los Angeles where she is relaxing and bathing in the sun... The sparkle of Dixie Donelson's new diamond on her left hand is matched only by the sparkle in her eyes... The Joan Mullers motored to Washington, Ill., over the February 22 holiday for a visit with relatives... Delighted exclamations greeted Marian Murphy recently when she dropped in to show off the new Murphy heir... Isabella McGinnis climaxed her vacation by entertaining two Brazilian students of



aeronautical engineering at the home of her brother in Topeka. One of the thrills of the students was the privilege given them of inspecting a B-29 at the Topeka Air Base, a courtesy extended as a "good neighbor" gesture... Eleanor Neff holidayed at her home in Clarence, Mo.

Graphic. Welcome home to William Coultis from Army duty... "Twas orange blossoms and wedding bells for Bessie Docman and George Acinger on March 2 in Kansas City, Kans... Rita Nordhus and Bill Keith became Mr. and Mrs. on March 5. Bill will part from FCA to accept a position with the Treasury Department in Kansas City.

Information & Extension. Along with the birthdays of Lincoln and Washington, three other "famous" February birthdays were celebrated on the 25th when members of the division gathered for ice cream and cake - Catherine Fardy's on the 5th, Grace Stoke's on the 20th, and Frances Price's on the 25th... "Toothless" is Tom Fritchard's new name... Pat McCombs also came back from the dentist's office minus a tooth recently... BUSY GETTING READY TO SAY HELLO TO WASHINGTON ON APRIL 1!

Intermediate Credit. BUSY GETTING READY TO TRAVEL FROM MISSOURI TO D.C. ON APRIL 1!

Land Bank. Welcome home to Arthur Bayless from Army duty... Dorothy Griffith departs for Des Moines, Iowa, where she has accepted a position with the Veterans Administration... 'Tis nice to see Gertrude Grove in the division again following service with the MAC's... Alma Hughes, deciding to remain in Kansas City, is joining the staff of the Veterans Administration.

Library. Phoebe Norton, who departed on March 2 for Arkansas to take up duty at the Little Rock branch of the USDA library, was honored at a farewell party

at the home of Louise Fressgrove.

Mail. Welcome to our third "Bob," newcomer Bob Fullenwider... Birthdays of Mary Kidwell and George Washington were celebrated a day ahead with refreshments at rest period time... Nice to have newcomer Kathleen DePugh in our midst.

Mortgage Corporation Service. Phil Hopkins is welcomed back to his desk following military service.

Personnel. Was a certain employee, named Carrietta Rech, embarrassed on a recent morn when she walked in a trifle sleepy-eyed and discovered she had worn a different kind of shoe on each foot!... Jo Gerdes Lindbloom is visiting her family in Omana... Blanche Stone spent a week in Dallas visiting friends.

Planning. Mary Ketchem is spending 3 weeks' vacation in California... Dick Kaufmann, who accepted a position with the New York office of IBM, was presented an Oshkosh traveling bag as a parting gift from FCA friends.

Production Credit. Recent visitor in the division was Capt. Wendell Peck, on terminal leave from the Army, who will soon be taking up duties at the FCC of St. Paul... Don Warburton flew to D.C. because of the illness of his mother... Lloyd Lynch, returned from military service, is welcomed back to the division.

Purchase & Supply. The Kenneth Caldwells motored to Ames, Iowa, to spend the February 22 weekend... Even exchange of personnel was made when Torrence Cease took over duties in the Mail Section and Label Cease came over to assist in this section... Coworkers address Ben Amerson as "Ole Judge Ben," since his recent service on a jury in the Jackson County Court... Francis Smith is

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# Club Room Notes



New books recently received in the club library include:

WINTER MEETING by Ethel Vance  
THOSE OTHER PEOPLE by Mary King O'Donnell  
THE SHOCKING PINK HAT by Frances Crane  
CONTACT MERCURY by Leonard H. Nason  
SOMEWHERE IN THE HOUSE by Elizabeth Daly  
I WILL BE GOOD by Hester Chapman  
THE CASE OF THE MALEVOLENT TWIN by Eby  
and Fleming  
HO, THE FAIR WIND by A. R. Wylie  
THE VETERANS PROGRAM by Charles Furd

## WAG MEETING

The regular meeting of the WAGS on February 21 began at 6:30 p.m. in Room 2330, where a committee headed by Waverly Haynes prepared and served a covered dish supper. Business was dispensed with and Phoebe Norton, leader, immediately took charge and explained her subject, "Inspiration for Living."

Two special guest speakers from the Ad Club's public speaking classes, Messrs. Mark Stone and John Sweeney, made delightful talks. Mr. Stone spoke on "How to Make an After Dinner Speech," and Mr. Sweeney's impersonations of "The British" were a highlight of the evening. Betty Welch gave a humorous talk on "Dancing," and Julia Connor brought a serious and worthy note with "Inspiration from the Handicapped." The general discussion which followed ran to fun and hilarity, and the group dispersed after one of the gayest meetings in WAG annals.

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Don't forget March is Red Cross month - make your contribution early.

## RED CROSS ROLL CALL

The International Red Cross is again calling upon the fortunate to help those who are victims of war or other disasters. From America must continue to come a large share of relief supplies for the world's destitute peoples. Your annual roll call dollar will help but it is not enough this year. Kansas City's quota in the 1946 fund campaign remains almost half the 1945 amount.

You will be asked to help Farm Credit Administration fill its quota in what will probably be its last opportunity to show Kansas City that FCA employees may be counted on, whenever they may be, when help is needed. Please be ready to make your contribution when you are called upon by your contact committeeman.

Many of your fellow employees give liberally of their time to Red Cross volunteer activities but money is needed as well as time.

The girls who serve at Olathe know how the servicemen who come in at all hours on hospital planes value the Red Cross Canteen service.

The Motor Corps girls who drive the Red Cross trucks know that the immediate on-the-scene help saves lives, and that this training in local disasters is the training which permits the immediate and well-organized assistance for which the Red Cross nationally is depended upon in times of major disaster.

The FCA Nurse-aides and Gray Ladies and those of us who have been hospitalized can report to you the value of these Red Cross services which free registered nurses for professional duty.

The popular clubmobiles, clubs, and rest homes of the Red Cross overseas do not

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# Sportlight

## FCA MEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost	Pinfall
Exam.	39	30	52,164
Reports	39	30	50,029
Accts.	38	31	46,693
Graphic	36	33	51,744
Harvesters	36	33	51,194
Short-Term	32	37	49,520
Field Acctg.	30	39	49,855
Bankers	26	43	46,637

### ACTUAL

HIG	Olson	248
HIS	Dahill	634
HTG	Field Accounting	924
HIS	Examination	2,474

### HANDICAP

HTG	Field Accounting	924
HTS	Examination	2,474

### BIG THREE

Dahill	174-30
Prewitt	165-2
Frazee	164-44

In the equalization round Examination displaced Accounts in first position by taking the first two behind McWhirt's 199-531 and Bixler's 176-498. The third game resulted in a tie, but Accounts, when the pressure of holding first place was off, finally got torrid and its first four bowlers were sufficient to capture the game in the extra frame.

Reports caught Harvester's Dahill in an off night and took three to pull into a

first place tie with Examination.

Largely on the strength of Frazee's 210-534, Short-Term dropped Graphic for two. Elkins was high for the losers with 174-484.

Field Accounting took the odd one from Bankers. Ganley's 172-493 topped the match, but Thompson's 178 and Foster's 169 saved the second for the Bankers.

## FCA WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

### Team Standings March 7, 1946

Team	Won	Lost	Pinfall
Legal	50	22	44,168
Purchase	40	32	42,261
Fin. & Accts.	35	37	42,588
Reports	34	38	41,872
Audit	34	38	40,913
Personnel	33	39	42,604
Production Credit	32	40	39,639
Graphic	30	42	41,074

### RECORDS

HTG	Reports	740
HTS	Reports	2,021

HIG	Carter - Palmer	201
HIS	Palmer	522

### AVERAGES

Palmer	137
Terry	133
Y. Meuers	131
Ruch	130



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busy trying to talk Mrs. Smith out of the \$50 she won at a bingo game... Mary Terry entertained on a recent Sunday with a miscellaneous shower at her home in honor of bride-elect Gerry Williams.

Solicitor's Office. Clair Kintz is traveling on official business to D.C. Farewells were said to Betty Ann Canale as she departed to join her husband in Memphis... Jean Sutter, with her husband, Everett, journeyed to Denver for a short visit with relatives... Ray Mischler is now able to qualify as an assistant in the Emergency Room, having completed a number of hours as assistant in the care of his young son who had the measles.

Tabulating. Peggy Smyth has returned from a 2 weeks' absence spent caring for one of her children who had the measles.

Telephone. Greetings from former FCA'er Mary McBride inform us she is a civilian again and is residing in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

RED CROSS ROLL CALL (CONTINUED)

duplicate military facilities for our boys in the Armies of Occupation today, and to those boys, now as during the war, the Red Cross home service provides a prompt and efficient personal contact between families and servicemen.

Friends of Bob Coulter will regret to learn that he has a long period of hospitalization and convalescence ahead of him following an illness. He and Eileen and young Carey are at: 112 Sixth St., Turtle Creek, Pa.

Help the Red Cross help you.

WANTED: ROOMS!

Have you an extra room to rent to a fellow employee? The return of servicemen and women and the cancelation of leases by employees transferring to Washington has resulted in a housing shortage among our own employees here in Kansas City. If you have any vacant rooms that may be rented to take care of this temporary shortage please call Jane Nevin at the Information Desk.

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Again we remind you, we invite contributions for the GRAPEVINE, but in accordance with the policy of the publication all contributions must be signed when submitted.

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Be brief - politely.  
Be aggressive - tactfully.  
Be emphatic - pleasantly.  
Be positive - diplomatically  
Be right - graciously.

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"My son," said the father, who was somewhat addicted to moralizing, "this is the age of specialties and specialists. Is there anything that you can do better than anyone else in the world?"

"Yeth, thir," lisped the small boy:  
"I can read my own writing."

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A fellow who whistles at his work may never swear, but there are those who work next to him.

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Almost any day now we expect a tired business man to tell his wife he was late for dinner because his plane was delayed a half hour in London.